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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 5-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comments

The word(s) "backtermination" and "backterminating" are sometimes written as one or two words (see claims 1, 3-5, 7-9). Examiner suggests these words should be written as two separate words.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "VA2 and VA3" must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will

be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, line 22, after an inserts --first--.

Claim 2, ["said non-linear amplifier (A2 ',A2") is operating between a first power supply (VA2)" , "while said linear amplifier (A3,'A3") is operating between a second power supply (VA3)" which exceeds the supply voltage of said 'first power supply source]. Using the word "between" causes the claimed subject matters appear to be incomplete. Should "between" be deleted?

Claim 2 recites the limitation "said first power supply source" in line 4 should correctly be -- first power supply source --.

Claim 10, note preamble "any of the previous claims" is incorrect since the body of this claim discloses "arrangement output terminals" which recited in independent claim 5 while claim 1 recites "arrangement output terminal". As such, line 5, after claims inserts --5 to 7, 8 or 9--.

Claim 10, page 17, line 9, "terminating resistance" should correctly be -- terminating impedance--.

Claim 10, page 17, line 12, "series resistance" should correctly be --series impedance--.

Claim 12, line 2, "1" should correctly be --5--. Note "respective series impedance" is claimed in claim 5 and not claim 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Weigand (5,374,966).

Weigand (Fig. 11) discloses an amplifier circuit arrangement comprising: an amplifier (114) can be read as a non-linear amplifier having a pair of input terminals one of which is coupled to an input terminal (14), and an output terminal (Vout); an amplifier (112) can be read as a linear amplifier having a pair of input terminals one of which is coupled to the input terminal (14), and an output terminal (Vout); whereby the output terminal of the amplifier (114) is coupled to the output terminal of the amplifier (112) via an series impedance (R7, R6), whereby the output terminal of the amplifier (112) is coupled to the output terminal (Vout) via a resistor (R4) which can be read as a terminating impedance, and whereby the arrangement further includes a resistor (Rf) which can be read as a back termination arrangement coupled between the output terminal (Vout) and one of the input terminals of the amplifier (112).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3 and 4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5-13 are allowed.

Claims 3-13 call for, among others, second input, second output, second terminating impedance and second active backtermination.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The additional reference (McInnis (6,300,828)) shows further analogous prior art circuitry.

This art is deemed relevant and should be carefully reviews before any amendment is filed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1767. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

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